

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Annual Report of Cricket Communication, Inc. as an  
Eligible Telecommunications CarrierBEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Annual Report of Cricket Communications, Inc. (f/k/a Hargray Wireless, LLC)  
as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

This firm represents Cricket Communications, Inc. Enclosed please find the original and ten (10) copies of the above-referenced document. Please accept these documents for filing and acknowledge your receipt of same by returning a copy of this letter to me, bearing your file-stamp, via our courier.

Please be advised that the material attached to Exhibit 1 referenced in paragraph 4(a) of this Annual Report has been marked as "Confidential Information" and is being submitted under seal in a separate envelope marked "confidential" in accordance with Commission Order No. 2005-226 issued in Docket No. 2005-83-A and dated May 6, 2005. A redacted version of this material is included as required by Order No. 2005-226. Cricket Communications, Inc. hereby requests that the material designated as "Confidential Information" and enclosed in the separate envelope marked "confidential" be exempted from public disclosure in accordance with 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R.103-804.S(2). The basis for this request is the same as that submitted to, and found to be appropriate by, the Commission in its Order No. 2006-415 in Docket No. 2003-227-C issued July 24, 2006.

By copy of this letter, we are providing a copy this filing to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"). In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. §58-4-55(C)(Supp. 2012), the "Confidential Information" referenced in the preceding paragraph is being provided to

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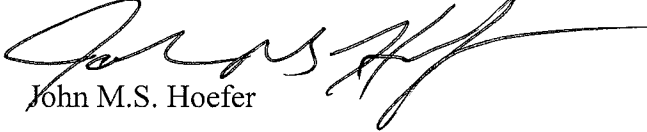
ORS under seal and designated as "confidential or proprietary" information and therefore exempt from public disclosure by that agency as well.

Based upon the foregoing documentation, Cricket Communications, Inc. submits that it is in compliance with federal and state regulations and rules and respectfully requests that the Commission so notify the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company by October 1, 2013, so that federal support for Cricket Communications, Inc., for the upcoming fiscal year will be ensured as contemplated by Commission Regulation 103-690.1.B.a.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

**WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.**



John M.S. Hoefer

JMSH/ccm

Enclosures

cc: Honorable C. Dukes Scott  
Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire

***ANNUAL REPORT OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER  
CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012***

1. **Applicability** – Hargray Wireless, LLC, was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) by Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) in Order No. 2007-804, Docket No. 2003-227-C, November 14, 2007. Effective December 31, 2008, Hargray Wireless, LLC, was merged into Cricket Communications, Inc. (“Cricket”). Further, Cricket was designated as an ETC by the Commission in Order No. 2010-475, Docket No. 2010-21-C, July 28, 2010, to provide Lifeline and Linkup service only. Therefore, Cricket is making this annual report (1) pursuant to the requirements for same set out in said Orders and (2) in accordance with the provisions of Commission Regulation 103-690.1. Where noted, certain portions of this annual report do not apply to Cricket’s Lifeline and Linkup service offerings in accordance with Commission Regulation 1-3-690.1.B(b)(11).

2. **Reporting Period** – This Annual Report covers the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

3. **Service Commitment** – Cricket commits to comply with Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service.

4. **Information required by 103-690.1.B(b)**

a. Two year service quality improvement plan progress report and update

See Exhibit 1. This requirement does not apply to Cricket’s ETC area approved in Order No. 2010-475.

b. Outage information

There were no outages during the reporting period. This requirement does not apply to Cricket’s ETC area approved in Order No. 2010-475.

c. Unfulfilled service requests

There were no unfulfilled service requests from potential customers for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. No applications for new service were held over 30 days. All commitments for service were fulfilled.

d. Trouble reports

The number of complaints or trouble reports per thousand handsets during the reporting period was “0”.

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e. CTIA consumer code certification

Cricket certifies that it is complying with Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association's Consumer Code for Wireless Service.

f. Function in emergency situations

Cricket certifies that it is able to function in an emergency situation. A detailed report regarding Cricket's ability to address emergency situations is attached as Exhibit 2.

g. Comparable local usage plan certification

Not applicable.

h. Potential FCC equal access requirement certification

Cricket certifies that it is aware that the Federal Communications Commission may require that Cricket provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event that no other eligible telecommunications carrier is providing equal access within the Cricket ETC designated area.

i. Lifeline and Linkup customer count

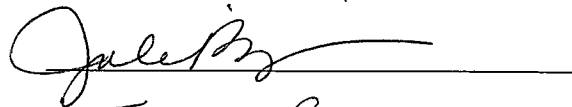
As of December 31, 2012, Cricket served 3,835 Lifeline and Linkup customer(s).

j. Lifeline verification or certification

The Lifeline Verification Survey or Certification filed with USAC on August 31, 2012, is attached as Exhibit 3.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the factual information set forth herein, and in the attachments hereto, is true and accurate except as to matters stated upon information and belief and, as to same, I believe them to be true and accurate.



Julie Buechler  
Name

Senior Manager Gov't Affairs  
Title

6-26-13  
Date

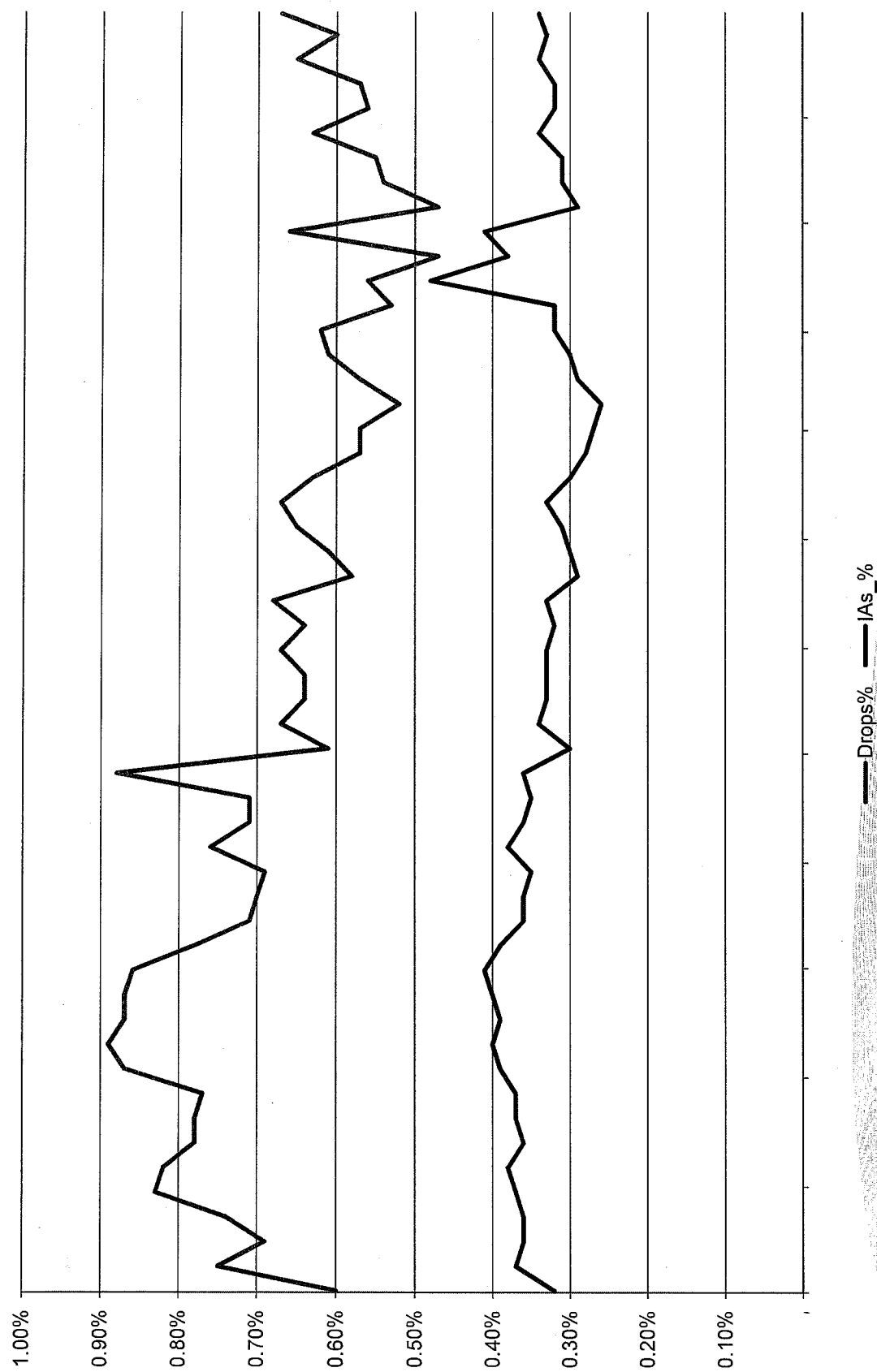
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## EXHIBIT 1

From its April 1, 2007, acquisition of Hargray Wireless, LLC, Cricket Communications, Inc. has continually devoted significant resources to modifications to the original system to provide for a more efficient method of expanding coverage in the ETC designated area. Also, since the last re-certification filing in June of 2012, Cricket has relocated one cell site in the ETC designated area, specifically SAV-530, to a 205' tower. This greatly improved coverage near the municipalities of Beaufort and Burton as the site had previously been located on the rooftop of a three (3) story building. The re-located site came on line in November of 2012. Cricket has also upgraded its data network to increase voice capacity on its system. Cricket estimates that it has increased the percentage of population ("POPs") covered in the ETC designated area since 2009 by 2,806 and has maintained coverage for approximately 92% of POPs. Further, and as also shown in Attachment "1-A", for the period June, 2012 to May, 2013, the incidences of dropped calls and ineffective call attempts in the ETC designated area have remained relatively low, with both being well below 1%. Cricket has expended approximately \$2,923,056 in its ongoing effort to improve voice quality. Details of these investments described above are set forth on Attachment "1-B" hereto, for which Cricket seeks confidential treatment.

Cricket's projected two-year service quality improvement plan currently contemplates upgrades to the data network at between 50 and 78 of its base stations to free up voice capacity. Specifics of the investment required to implement this plan are also set forth on Attachment "1-B" for which Cricket seeks confidential treatment. Specifics of the enhancements to coverage are depicted on the maps included as Attachment "1-C", for which Cricket also seeks confidential treatment.

# Voice Statistics, June 2012 to May 2013



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ATTACHMENT "1-B" TO EXHIBIT 1



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## EXHIBIT 2

All mobile switching centers and cell sites have battery backup power. Also, each switching center has a dedicated diesel generator and there are several cell site generators in the market area. In instances of power outages, priority is set based upon traffic, cell site location and time of day. In certain parts of the service area, a cell on wheels (COW) can be deployed. In case of a total switch outage, a mobile command center may be established by each switch vendor.

# EXHIBIT 3

Approved by OMB  
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## Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form

All carriers must complete Sections 1, 2, and 3. Carriers must complete Section 4, if applicable.

**Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup> (Annually)**

SC

State

*(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for each state in which it provides Lifeline service).*

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CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS - SC

Study Area Code(s) (SAC)

ETC Name(s)

Cricket Communications

Cricket Communications

Holding Company Name(s)

DBA, Marketing or Other Branding Name(s)

Affiliated ETCs *(include names and SACs, attach additional sheets if necessary)*

**Section 1: All ETCs** *(Initial the certification that applies to your ETC. Depending on the state, both certifications may apply).*

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place to review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a customer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial** rji

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*(List the specific SAC(s) for which you are making this certification if it is not applicable to all of your study areas within the state. Attach additional sheets if necessary).*

AND/OR

I certify that the company listed above confirms consumer eligibility by relying on \_\_\_\_\_ prior to enrolling a customer in the Lifeline program. *(Please list the program eligibility data sources, such as ETC access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator and indicate for which qualifying programs (e.g., SNAP, SSDI) these sources are used to verify consumer eligibility).* I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial** rji

*(List the specific SAC(s) for which you are making this certification if it is not applicable to all of your study areas within the state. Attach additional sheets if necessary).*

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**Section 2: All ETCs**(Initial the certification that applies to your ETC, and if applicable, complete columns A through L the tables below. Attach additional sheets if necessary).

I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to re-certify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline customers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all consumers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline, except those subscribers whose eligibility was verified by the company through the use of other sources of eligibility information as well as those subscribers who were re-certified by the state Lifeline administrator. Results are provided in the chart below. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above.

Initial rji

A	B
Number of Subscribers Claimed on May FCC Form(s) 497	Number of Lines Claimed on May FCC Form(s) 497 Provided to Wireline Resellers
3185	0

C	D	E = C-D	F	G = (E+F)	H
Number of Subscribers ETC Contacted Directly to Recertify Eligibility Through Attestation	Number of Subscribers Responding to ETC Contact	Number of Non-Responding Subscribers	Number of Subscribers Responding That They Are No Longer Eligible	Number of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of Non-Response or Ineligibility	Number of Subscribers Who De-Enrolled Prior to Recertification Attempt
2525	1604	921	306	1227	627

I	J	K	L
Number of Subscribers Whose Eligibility was Reviewed By State Administrator or By ETC Access to Eligibility Data	Number of Subscribers Whose Eligibility Was Examined by State Administrator or By ETC Access to Eligibility Data and Found to be Ineligible	Number of Customers De-enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of a Finding of Ineligibility	Number of Subscribers Who De-Enrolled Prior to Recertification Attempt
0	0	0	0

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OR

I certify that my company did not claim federal Low Income support for any Lifeline customers prior to June \_\_\_\_ (insert current year). I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. Initial rji

(List the specific SAC(s) for which you are making this certification if it is not applicable to all of your study areas within the state. Attach additional sheets if necessary).

**Section 3: All ETCs** (Initial the certification below).

I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. Initial rji

**Section 4: Non-Usage Applicable to Certain Pre-Paid ETCs** (the ETC does not assess or collect a monthly fee from its Lifeline subscribers)(Record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in column N below).

M	N
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	0
February	0
March	0
April	0
May	0
June	0
July	0
August	0
September	0
October	0
November	0
December	0

Signed,

Robert J. Irving, Jr.  
Signature of Officer  
SVP, GC and Chief Admin Officer  
Title of Officer  
Julie Buechler  
Person Completing this Certification Form

Robert J. Irving, Jr.  
Printed Name of Officer  
Jan-31-13  
Date  
858-882-9303  
Contact Phone Number

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**Submit to USAC using only ONE method:**

Fax to: (202) 776-0080  
E-mail to: [LiVerifications@usac.org](mailto:LiVerifications@usac.org)  
Mail to: USAC - Low Income Program  
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC20036

**Filing Instructions: Submit to USAC via one of the methods below.**

1. Submit electronically via USAC's E-File portal. Instructions are available at [www.usac.org](http://www.usac.org).
2. Fax to (202) 776-0080.
3. E-mail to [LiVerifications@usac.org](mailto:LiVerifications@usac.org).
4. Mail to USAC – Low Income Program, 2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC20036.

Information Fields:

*State*

Enter the state for which the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) is filing this certification. An ETC must provide a certification form for each state in which it provides Lifeline service. Use a separate *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form* for each state.

*Study Area Code(s) SAC*

Enter the five-digit study area code (SAC), or codes, for the state for which the certification is filed. An ETC may include multiple SACs on one form only if the ETC has more than one SAC in the state indicated.

*ETC Name(s)*

Enter the corporate name of the ETC submitting the *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form*.

*Holding Company Name(s)*

Enter the corporate name of the holding company of the ETC.

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*DBA, Marking or Other Branding Name(s)*

Enter all additional names under which the ETC does business, including d/b/a's (doing business as) and the names under which the ETC markets or brands its Lifeline service in the state reported on this *Form*.

*Affiliated ETCs*

Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2); *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Section 1:

Section 1 of the *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form* requires an officer of an ETC to certify that the ETC verifies consumer eligibility prior to enrolling a consumer in Lifeline, and the method used to complete this verification. For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification

All ETCs must complete Section 1 for each state in which they provide Lifeline service. An officer of the ETC must initial one or both of the certifications.

An officer of the ETC must initial the first certification in Section 1 if the ETC verifies consumer eligibility by reviewing documentation provided by the consumer. The SAC or SACs for which this certification is made must be listed. List multiple SACs only if the ETC has more than one SAC in the state for which the certification is made. Complete additional *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Forms* for SACs in other states.

An officer of the ETC must initial the second certification in Section 1 if the ETC verifies consumer eligibility by relying on information provided by a database or state Lifeline administrator. In the blank, provide the data source or sources used to verify consumer eligibility. Data sources can include, for example, the name of a state or federal database an ETC queried to confirm consumer eligibility or a state Lifeline administrator that provided notice of consumer eligibility to the ETC. ETCs must also indicate for which qualifying programs (e.g., SNAP, SSI) each source was used to verify consumer eligibility. The SAC or SACs for which this certification is made must be listed. List multiple SACs only if the ETC has more than one SAC in the state for which the certification is made. Complete additional *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Forms* for SACs in other states.

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An officer of an ETC that uses multiple methods of confirming consumer eligibility should complete both certifications in Section 1, as appropriate. For example, an ETC that uses a state database to verify eligibility of consumers who qualify because they receive benefits under the SNAP program, but reviews documentation of eligibility provided by consumers who qualify under other programs or based on their income, should complete both certifications in Section 1.

Section 2:

Section 2 requires an officer of an ETC to certify either 1) that the ETC has procedures in place to re-certify the continued eligibility of its Lifeline customers, and that the ETC has copies of signed certifications, except for those instances in which re-certification of eligibility was completed by consulting a database or for those customers who were re-certified by a Lifeline administrator; or 2) that the ETC did not claim federal Low Income support for any Lifeline customers prior to June (i.e., the ETC did not file FCC Form 497 for the May data month or earlier data months in the year).

All ETCs must complete Section 2 for each state in which they provide Lifeline service. An officer of the ETC must initial one of the certifications.

An ETC must report the results of its re-certification process in the chart in Section 2 unless it did not claim any federal Low Income Program support for any Lifeline consumers prior to June of the current year. If the ETC did not claim support prior to June, the ETC officer must provide the current year and initial the second certification in Section 2.

Column A: Report the number of Lifeline subscribers for which the ETC claimed Lifeline support on its May FCC Form 497 (i.e., the FCC Form 497 for the May data month) for the SAC or SACs listed. If the ETC has more than one SAC in the state covered by this form, the combined total number of subscribers should be entered in Column A.

Column B: If the ETC is acting as a wholesaler and provides Lifeline service to wireline resellers pursuant to section 251(c)(4), report the number of such lines provided to resellers.

Column C: Report the number of Lifeline subscribers the ETC contacted directly to obtain re-certification of eligibility. Enter zero if the ETC relied solely on methods other than direct contact with consumers (e.g., consulting a state database or relying on a Lifeline administrator) to re-certify eligibility.

Column D: Report the number of Lifeline subscribers that responded to the ETC's request to re-certify their eligibility for Lifeline. This number could be equal to the number in Column C (if every consumer contacted responded) or less than the number reported in Column C (if not every consumer contacted responded).

Column E: Report the number of subscribers who did not respond to the ETC's request to re-certify eligibility. This number should equal the number reported in Column C minus the number reported in Column D.



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Column F: Report the number of subscribers contacted who responded and indicated that they are no longer eligible. Do not include in Column F any consumers who failed to respond to the ETC's contact.

Column G: Report the number of subscribers that have been, or are scheduled to be, de-enrolled. A subscriber that fails to re-certify continued eligibility must be de-enrolled from Lifeline pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.410 (f)(5). The number reported in Column G should include the number of subscribers who did not respond to the ETC's request to re-certify eligibility, which was reported in Column E, plus the number of subscribers who responded and indicated that they are no longer eligible, as was reported in Column F.

Column H: Report the number of subscribers – of those contacted directly by the ETC in an attempt to re-certify eligibility – who de-enrolled from Lifeline prior to the ETC's attempt to re-certify continued eligibility. This number should include all subscribers who de-enrolled for any reason, including those subscribers that discontinued Lifeline service with the ETC on their own initiative and those that the ETC de-enrolled from Lifeline (for example, those de-enrolled for non-usage).

Column I: Report the number of consumers for which the ETC relied on a source other than direct contact with the consumer to confirm continued eligibility. An ETC can rely on a state or national database to confirm a consumer continued to be eligible for Lifeline. An ETC can also rely on a Lifeline administrator to confirm consumer eligibility. An ETC must report the number of consumers for which it relied on either of these methods (confirmation through database or Lifeline administrator) in Column H.

Column J: Report the number of subscribers found to be ineligible via confirmation through a database or from a Lifeline administrator. That is, of the number of subscribers for which the ETC or Lifeline administrator utilized a database to attempt to confirm eligibility, how many were found to be ineligible. If any of these subscribers are subsequently contacted directly by the ETC in an attempt to recertify eligibility, those subscribers should be listed in columns C through H as appropriate and not in columns J or K.

Column K: Report the number of subscribers who were de-enrolled, or are scheduled to be de-enrolled, from Lifeline because they were found to be no longer eligible after the ETC consulted a database or relied on a Lifeline administrator. This number should equal the number reported in Column J.

Column L: Report the number of subscribers – of those for which the ETC attempted to verify eligibility via a database or through a Lifeline administrator – who de-enrolled from Lifeline prior to the ETC's attempt to re-certify continued eligibility. This number should include all subscribers who de-enrolled for any reason, including those subscribers that discontinued Lifeline service with the ETC on their own initiative and those that the ETC de-enrolled from Lifeline for reasons unrelated to the re-certification process (for example, those de-enrolled for non-usage).

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The SAC or SACs for which this certification is made must be listed. List multiple SACs only if the ETC has more than one SAC in the state for which the certification is made. Complete additional *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Forms* for SACs in other states.

Section 3:

An officer of the ETC must certify that the company is in compliance with federal Lifeline certification procedures, that he or she is an officer of the company, and that he or she is authorized to make this certification for the SACs listed on the *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form*.

All ETCs must complete Section 3.

Section 4:

Section 4 requires certain ETCs to report by month the number of Lifeline customers de-enrolled as a result of non-usage. 47 C.F.R. §54.405(e)(3) requires ETCs that do not assess or collect a monthly fee from their subscribers to de-enroll subscribers who do not use their Lifeline service for 60 consecutive days plus a 30 day period after notice of potential de-enrollment for non-use is provided. ETCs that do not assess or collect a monthly fee from their Lifeline customers must complete Section 4.

Column N: Report the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month.

Signature Fields

*Signature of Officer*

Provide the signature of an officer of the ETC who is authorized to make the certifications included in the *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form* for the SAC(s) listed on the *Form*.

*Printed Name of Officer*

Provide the name of the ETC officer who signed the *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form*.

*Title of Officer*

Provide the title of the ETC officer who signed the *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form*.

*Date*

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Provide the date the ETC officer signed the *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form*.

*Person Completing This Certification Form*

Provide the name of the ETC employee who populated the form with the data submitted by the ETC.

*Contact Phone Number*

Provide the phone number of the ETC employee who completed the form.

**Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. §1001.**

**PRIVACY ACT AND PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENTS**

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